

PROPOSAL TO END THE FORMAL ASSOCIATION BETWEEN AA AREA 17 AND ANNUAL HAWAII STATE CONVENTION

Submitted by East Hawaii District 7 to Hawaii Area 17

Proposed: That Area 17 end existing involvement with the Annual Hawaii State Convention.

Reasoning: The existing connection between Area and the State Convention violates Traditions 6, 7, and 9, as well as Concept 10 from the General Service Manual.

- The convention is a **private enterprise**, using the **AA name**, with a very large budget (**money, property**) and international recognition (**prestige**).
- The convention is a for-pay event. If it was self supporting, it would hold its event financed by past proceeds, and replenish its accounts with donations received at the convention. It might even maintain a prudent reserve. The convention relies on financial support (**outside contributions**) of Area 17, and is not **fully self-supporting** (Tradition 7).
- People working on the convention steering committee serve and are responsible to the steering committee, not to the Area. The convention steering committee is not **directly responsible** to Area (Tradition 9)
- The Alternate Chairperson and Alternate Delegate who serve on the convention steering committee provide service, but have no service authority with the convention steering committee. The **scope of authority** of the Area Alternate Chair and Alternate Delegate are **well-defined**. They are elected to serve Area, not the convention. (Concept 10)

Background: At the 2010 Area Election Assembly in Puna a proposal was advanced – originating from the Area level – to separate Area 17 finances and management from the Hawaii State Convention. The proposal was advanced relatively close to the date of the assembly, and was originated from the Area level, instead of from the home group level. The proposal was defeated, but served to stimulate much conversation and review of our AA concepts and traditions.

Thursday Night Special, a registered home group in District 7 on the east side of the Big Island of Hawaii presented an original proposal (attached) at the District Meeting on 02/08/2011. The original proposal was distributed and shared with members in other home groups throughout the district. East Hawaii reported consensus among home groups favoring separation of Area from State Convention at the District Meeting on 04/11/2011 and the District members voted affirmatively to reformat as needed and present the proposal for separation of Area from Convention at Area Assembly, for consideration by AA members throughout Area 17. We have faith that although much change will result from the proposed separation, that ultimately, such change will be good for AA members in Area 17.

Separation of Area From Convention

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THURSDAY NIGHT SPECIAL GROUP CONSCIENCE, VOTED THAT THE AREA SEPARATE ITSELF FROM THE HAWAII CONVENTION, THEREFORE: PROPOSES THAT THE EAST HAWAII DISTRICT GROUPS DISCUSS THE SEPARATION OF THE AREA FROM THE HAWAII CONVENTION.

THE FOLLOWING POINTS SHOULD BE DISCUSSED:

A. TRADITION #6 STATES; “AN A.A. GROUP OUGHT NEVER ENDORSE, FINANCE OR LEND THE A.A. NAME TO ANY RELATED FACILITY OR OUTSIDE ENTERPRISE, LEST PROBLEMS OF MONEY, PROPERTY AND PRESTIGE DIVERT US FROM OUR PRIMARY PURPOSE.”

*PRIVATE ENTERPRISE,
MONEY,*

HAWAII CONVENTION
\$100,000 PLUS BUDGET

B. TRADITION #7 STATES; “EVERY A.A. GROUP OUGHT TO BE FULLY SELF-SUPPORTING, DECLINING OUTSIDE CONTRIBUTIONS.”

PRE-PAID ENTRANCE,

THIS IS SELF EXPLANATORY.

C. TRADITION #9 STATES; “A.A., AS SUCH OUGHT NEVER BE ORGANIZED; BUT WE MAY CREATE SERVICE BOARDS OR COMMITTEES DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO THOSE THEY SERVE.”

WHO DO THEY SERVE?

**THEY SERVE THE CONVENTION STEERING COMMITTEE
BUT NOT THE AREA.**

IF WE BREAK ONE TRADITION WE BREAK ALL

D. CONCEPT #10 STATES; “EVERY SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY SHOULD BE MATCHED BY EQUAL SERVICE AUTHORITY, WITH THE SCOPE OF SUCH AUTHORITY WELL DEFINED.”

ALTERNATE DELEGATGE AND ALTERNATIVE CHAIRPERSON, **THE CONVENTION STEERING COMMITTEE NEEDS TO PAY FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES NOT AREA.**

POINT TAKEN, THEY SERVE THE AREA

TRUST THE PROCESS, BECOME SELF-REGULATING AND SELF-SUPPORTING.